

Local News

POLICE & FIRE
Greenwich Agencies Strengthen Emergency Readiness



The Greenwich Police Department conducted a joint training at Tod's Point with the Fire Department and Greenwich Emergency Medical Services. The exercise simulated a search for missing juveniles in wooded terrain using drones with infrared cameras to locate them, followed by coordinated medical response and recovery. The training aimed to improve coordination and readiness among local emergency agencies. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Greenwich Officers Honored For Bravery

Greenwich police officers Thomas Koppelman and Anthony DeLuca were recognized for uncovering a counterfeit money scheme linked to multiple jurisdictions. Their investigation began on August 19 after a local business reported an attempt to use a fake \$100 bill, leading to a vehicle pursuit and the arrests of two suspects. Police recovered more than \$10,000 in counterfeit currency and a loaded firearm during the operation.

Detective Ciarleglio Completes Probation Successfully



Detective Ciarleglio has completed her six-month probationary period and now serves in the Forensics Section. She is responsible for documenting crime scenes, collecting evidence, and assisting with forensic analysis. Her work supports accurate, evidence-based investigations for the Greenwich Police Department. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department

Free Swim Program Honors Responders

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich will offer free lap swimming to full-time Greenwich Emergency Medical Services first responders starting November 3, 2025. The program runs Monday through Friday from 6-9am and 11am-1pm at the Club's pool. It aims to support first responders' physical and mental health.

Silver Shield Walk Supports Families

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GREEN THOUGHTS

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"The old cathedrals are good, but the great blue dome that hangs over everything is better."

Thomas Carlyle, 19th century Scottish essayist, historian and philosopher.

Local Races, Local Issues



By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Voters in Greenwich will turn out on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, for the town's municipal election, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., according to the town's Registrar of Voters Fred DeCaro. Polling will proceed at the 12 designated locations throughout town.

DeCaro said the town's election officials are prepared for the two-sided ballot this year—front side for primary offices and the reverse for the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) races—and are using newly upgraded ballot tabulators at all polling places. "You still vote on paper," he said, "but the new machines have a few more bells and whistles, including an electronic screen that tells you your vote's been counted."

He emphasized that voters must pay attention to multi-seat races. For the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), voters may select up to six candidates; choosing seven will invalidate that portion of the ballot, though votes in other contests still count. For the Board of Education (BOE), voters may select up to four candidates. He noted the new machines will alert a voter if the limit is exceeded: "If you over-vote, the machine will ask whether you want to cast this ballot or have it returned so you can get a new one."

The Secretary of the State's Office released a brief video showing how to use the new ballot tabulators debuting this Election

DeCaro reported
2,452 ballots cast at press time:
1025 Democrats; 776 Republicans; and
575 unaffiliated votes so far.

Day. DeCaro said the video helps familiarize residents with the new machines, which "give clear on-screen feedback to reassure voters that their ballot has been successfully recorded." It can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/1128949077> or by using the QR code in the graphic above.

Polling Locations & Hours

All polling places open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Voters who arrive by 8 p.m. will be permitted to vote. The districts and their locations are as follows:

- District 1: Julian Curtiss School
- District 2: Greenwich Town Hall
- District 3: Western Middle School
- District 4: New Lebanon School
- District 5 : Riverside School
- District 6: Old Greenwich School
- District 7: Greenwich High School
- District 8: Central Middle School
- District 9: Bendheim Western Civic Center
- District 10: Glenville School
- District 11: North Street School
- District 12: North Mianus School

Additional Voting Reminders

DeCaro said mid-afternoon (around 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.) is typically

the quietest time, noting: "If you want to walk in and walk out, mid-afternoon from about one to six is usually the quietest time." He also reminded voters that the ballot layout this year places RTM races on the back side of the ballot.

In the BOE race, he pointed out a unique scenario: Democratic candidate Laura Kostin petitioned successfully onto the ballot, creating three names on the Democratic Row A; however only the two highest vote-getters will be seated from that line. Two Republicans are also running unopposed.

Early Voting Break-Out

While Election Day remains the primary focus, early voting is available through Nov. 2 at Greenwich Town Hall. As of press time, Mr. DeCaro reported 1,781 ballots cast: 760 Democrats, 604 Republicans and 417 unaffiliated voters. He said, "Voting is lower than I expected... but I don't think that means overall turnout will be lower."

Voters who have not yet cast their ballots should verify their assigned polling place and plan to arrive any time before 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

What is on the Ballot?

Nov. 4 presents a clear-cut chance for residents to shape the town's policy direction on a number of substantive fronts. Offices on the ballot include the town's executive body, the Board of Selectmen; the finance board, the Board of Estimate and Taxation; and the Board of Education, among others.

Here are some major topic-areas likely to be decided by voters (**see our digital edition for the League of Women Voter's excellent guide**):

Property Taxes, Spending and Whether Local Long Term Debt Policy Changes

With the Board of Estimate and Taxation setting tax rates and overseeing debt, how aggressively should Greenwich borrow money?

Infrastructure, Sustainability and Development

From storm-water systems to park redevelopment, the infrastructure agenda is active.

Local Governance and Fiscal Oversight

With anti-local legislation looming large in Hartford, do voters want strong opposition to it here in Greenwich?

Board of Education Budgets

With a \$2.5 million surplus last year in the school budget and growing debate over more increases, the language is heated... and complicated. The BOE budget is a \$200+ million question.

Celebrating Democracy, One Meal at a Time

"They give so much of their time to make sure everything runs smoothly, and donating meals is our way of showing how much we appreciate their commitment to our community."

Poll workers in Greenwich will have more than ballots and voter rolls on their tables this Election Day—they'll have fresh meals, hot coffee, and a show of gratitude from dozens of local businesses.

Registrar of Voters Fred DeCaro III has launched an initiative pairing polling locations with neighborhood restaurants to provide lunch and dinner to the 200 men and women staffing the polls. "We're trying to remind people that poll workers are their friends and neighbors," DeCaro said. "They're there as volunteers, putting in a super-long day."

Every Election Day begins before sunrise for poll workers. They arrive between 5:00 and 5:15 a.m., often before daylight, and stay until at least 9:00 p.m.—sometimes later if hand counts or write-ins are required. The moderators, who oversee the close of polls, return results to Town Hall as late as 10:30 p.m. "It's at minimum a 19-hour day," DeCaro explained. "It's a public service. People come back year after year because they want to help their neighbors."

Once he received the green light from fellow Registrar of Voters Mary Hegarty, DeCaro reached out to local businesses for help feeding the poll workers, and the response, he said, was "overwhelming." Every polling location in town now has at least one sponsor, with some taking on two or more.

Participating restaurants include Constantino's Pizza & Ice Cream, Constantino's Pasta Bowls, Garden Catering, Little Pub, The Makerie, Corbo's Deli, and Planet Pizza with Love You A Latte providing early voting treats at Town Hall. "There wasn't a single place that said no," DeCaro said. "Several told me, 'If you need us to cover one more, just say the word.'"

The program has even extended into early voting weekends, where Love You A Latte delivered coffee and baked goods to volunteers. When moderator Carol Dixon learned of the effort, she told DeCaro, "This just keeps getting better and better."

Restaurant owners said they were eager to participate. "We're happy to support the poll workers on Election Day," said Tina Carpenteri of Garden Catering. "They give so much of their time to make sure everything runs smoothly, and donating meals is our way of showing how much we appreciate their commitment to our community."

Love You A Latte representatives shared a similar sentiment: "We're honored to be part of such a great initiative! At Love You A Latte, we believe that good coffee and fresh food have a special way of bringing people together, especially on important days like Election Day. Supporting our local poll workers, who dedicate their time to make voting possible, felt like a wonderful way to give back to the community that supports us every day. We're thrilled to support local Greenwich initiatives, proud to be a part of such a wonderful community, and hope it inspires more local businesses to get involved in spreading a little kindness (and caffeine!) around town."

Doug Grabe of Little Pub echoed that enthusiasm. "When Fred DeCaro first contacted us about providing lunches for the election workers, we were excited to participate because we thought it was a terrific way to give back to the community that supports us so much," Grabe said. "It was an easy decision made even easier because Fred didn't make us decide between North Mianus and Riverside—he let us support both! We're really looking forward to next Tuesday."

Samuel Silva of Planet Pizza said, "Greenwich always shows support to its small businesses, so when we can, we like to give back to show appreciation! This program was a great idea...a little appreciation for their hard work in helping this town with one of the most important freedoms we all have in this country, freedom of voting and making our voices heard."

The initiative also serves a larger civic purpose. "There's always a lot of heat around elections," DeCaro said. "But none of that should ever be directed at poll workers. They deserve appreciation."

Each business sponsor provides two meals per polling place per person—lunch and dinner. "What makes this story so meaningful," DeCaro added, "is that it's local people supporting local democracy. These are our small businesses saying thank you to their community."

As Election Day nears, that partnership—between the volunteers safeguarding the vote and the businesses that fuel them—is a wonderful celebration of civic pride.

THANK YOU

to our local businesses for feeding and supporting

GREENWICH'S POLL WORKERS

Your generosity helps keep democracy running—one meal at time!

Constantino's Pasta Bowls
Constantino's Pizza & Ice Cream
Corbo's Deli
Garden Catering
Little Pub
Love You A Latte
Planet Pizza
The Makerie

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Dear friends and neighbors,

Before we begin, I want to thank all of the voters who turned out during this week's municipal elections and say how very humbled and honored I am that you have once again placed your trust in me for the next two years.

As I have throughout my time as first selectman and as a state legislator, I will continue to represent the best interests of all of Greenwich and do what is right for our residents and business owners, no matter who they voted for.



First Selectman Camillo was reelected by a wide margin on Tuesday night to a new two-year term. (Image courtesy of Bob Capazzo)

It is such an honor to be able to continue to serve as your First Selectman. As I said on Election Night, I grew up in this Town dreaming of playing center field for the Yankees but being First Selectman is not a bad second choice at all and I really appreciate all the support I have been given.

I will work just as hard these next two years as I have the past six. Greenwich has a lot going for it, despite some of the negative campaigning we saw these last few weeks, and now we move forward together in the future.

I pledge with energy and enthusiasm to give 200 percent in the next two years and I look forward to continuing to serve the Town we all love so much.

Thank you poll workers

Part of the reason elections in Greenwich always run so smoothly is because everything our poll workers do. And they have my deepest thanks.



This year they got something more than a thank you, courtesy of local eateries who stepped up and provided lunch and dinner for our poll workers at no cost to the town.

Please join us in thanking them for their generosity.

Celebrate Veterans Day Nov. 11

We owe our brave veterans our deepest thanks and utmost gratitude so please come out to support them on Tuesday, Nov. 11.